

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, There are almost 1.7 million women veterans in the United States; and,

Whereas, In May 2005, there were 4,915 women veterans in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Women have served in the armed forces from the Revolutionary War through the present war in Iraq; and,

Whereas, Women veterans have contributed greatly to the security of the United States through their honorable military service, often involving great hardship and danger; and,

Whereas, The number of women serving in the United States armed forces and the number of women veterans continue to increase; and,

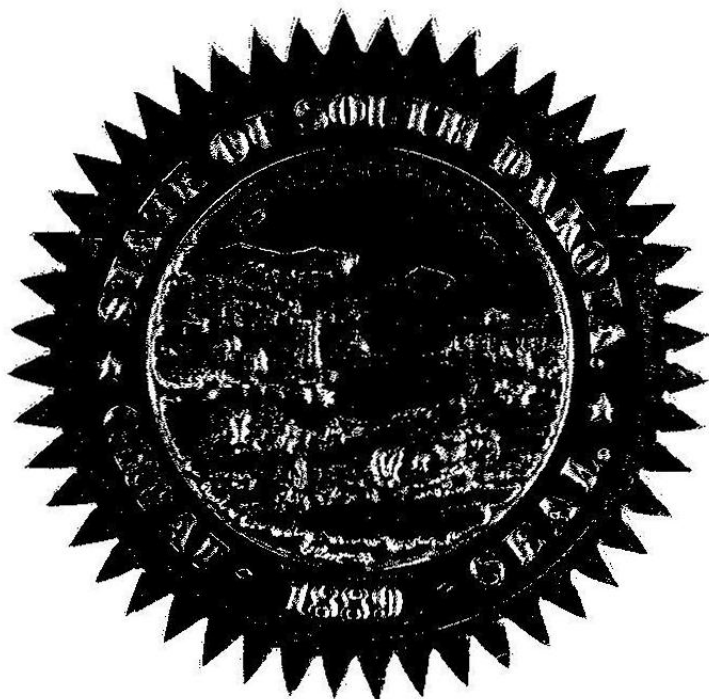
Whereas, Recognizing women veterans will help both to promote important gains made by women veterans and to focus attention on the special needs of women veterans:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2005, as

WOMEN VETERANS' RECOGNITION DAY


in South Dakota, and I ask all citizens to join me in thanking and recognizing the women veterans of our great state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State